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For: DEVICE FOR EMPTYING A FILM TUBE

## REPLY

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 30, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 6-10, 14-16, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, and 34-38 as follows (an Appendix is attached hereto containing underlining to show the changes made by this amendment only with the remainder of the claims not being underlined):

--6. (Amended) A method of emptying a film tube which contains a substance to be dispensed using the device of Claim 1, comprising inserting said film tube in said cylindrical housing between said piston and said cap and exerting pressure on said piston.